GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services - MA&UD Department – Certain allegations regarding negligence in discharging duties and not produced records as called for Deputy Director (Investigation), I/o. Lokayukta - Disciplinary action initiated against Sri V.V.Siva Koteswara Rao, the then Municipal Assistant Engineer, Jaggaiahpet Municipality under Rule 20 of A.P. Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991 – Articles of Charges issued - Enquiry conducted – Charges held 'not proved' – Further action dropped - Orders – Issued.

MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION & URBAN DEVELOPMENT (VIG.II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 483 **Dated: 29-10-2020.**

Read the following:

1) From the C&DMA., A.P., Hyderabad, Letter Roc.No.810/2010-C1, dated.18.01.2011 & 14.03.2011.
2) G.O.Rt.No.466, MA&UD (L1) Department, dated.15.04.2011.
3) Written Statement of Defence of Sri V.V.Siva Koteswara Rao, the then MAE., Jaggaiahpet Municipality, dt.02.06.2011 received through the ENC (PH), A.P., Hyderabad, Letter No.16/JGPT/CS6/E3/2011, dt.25.06.2011.
4) G.O.Rt.No.564, MA&UD (Vig.II) Department, dated.27.08.2015.
5) G.O.Rt.No.196, MA&UD (Vig.II) Department, dated.26.02.2018.
6) Inquiry Report from the Inquiry Officer Sri G.Srinivasa Rao, RDMA., Guntur, Letter Roc.No.107357/2018-A2, dated.24.07.2019.
7) Govt.Memo.No.1323/Vig.II/2011, dated.20.09.2019.
8) Written representation of Sri V.V.Siva Koteswara Rao, the then M.A.E., Jaggaiahpet Municipality received through the C&DMA., A.P., Guntur, Lr.Roc.No.810/2011/C1, dated.24.11.2019.

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Whereas, in the reference 1st read above, based on the directions of Hon'ble Lokayukta in Complaint No.1422/2009/B2, dt.31.12.2010, the CDMA., Hyderabad has furnished draft article of charges against Sri B.Rama Mohan, the then Municipal Commissioner and Sri V.V.Siva Koteswara Rao, the then Municipal Assistant Engineer of Jaggaiahpeta Municipality for their dereliction of duties for not producing the records as called for by Deputy Director (investigation), I/o A.P. Lokayuktha, Hyderabad.

2. Whereas, in the reference 2nd read above, Government have initiated disciplinary proceedings against Sri V.V.Siva Koteswara Rao, the then Municipal Assistant Engineer, Jaggaiahpeta Municipality duly framing following articles of charges, directing him to submit his written statement of defence thereon;

> **Charge No.1:** That he has failed to produce the records pertaining to the Jaggaiahpet Municipality as called for by Sri T.Ch.Venkata Reddy, Deputy Director (Investigation) of the Hon'ble Lokayukta vide his letters, dated.20.02.2010, 07.04.2010 and 12.10.2010.

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Charge No.2: That with the above mentioned Commissions and omissions, he has exhibited dereliction of duties, devotion and dedication to duty, and thereby contravened Rule 3 of APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

3. Whereas, in the reference 3rd read above, the charged officer has submitted his written statement of defence and while denying the charges framed against him, he has requested to drop further action.

4. Whereas, Government having examined the written statement of defence submitted by the charged officer and found it not convincing, issued orders vide reference 4th & 5th read above, appointing the Municipal Commissioner, Jaggaiahpeta Municipality, Krishna District as Presenting Officer and Sri G.Srinivasa Rao, Regional Director cum Appellate Commissioner of Municipal Administration, Guntur as an Inquiry Officer respectively, to enquire into the charges framed against both the charged officers Sri V.V.Siva Koteswara Rao, the then M.A.E., and Sri B.Rama Mohan Rao, the then M.C., Jaggaiahpeta Municipality under Rule 20 of A.P. Civil Services (CCA) Rules, 1991 and to submit the report of inquiry to the Government.

5. Whereas, in the reference 6th read above, **Sri** G.Srinivasa Rao**,** Regional Director cum Appellate Commissioner of Municipal Administration & Inquiry Officer, Guntur has submitted his inquiry report stating that, Sri V.V.Siva Koteswara Rao has responded immediately and complied the instructions of the Municipal Commissioner. He traced out the record and handed over to the investigating officer as per the directions of Hon'ble Upa-Lokayukta. Finally he has concluded that, the two charges framed against Sri V.V.Siva Koteswara Rao, the then M.A.E., Jaggaiahpeta Municipality were held 'not proved' in the enquiry.

6. Government have examined the Inquiry Report in detail, decided to accept the findings of the Inquiry Report of the Inquiry Officer and in the reference 7th read above, a copy of Inquiry Report was communicated to Sri V.V.Siva Koteswara Rao, the then M.A.E., under Rule 21(2) of APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991, and directed to submit his written representation, if any, on the findings of the Inquiry Report of the Inquiry Officer.

7. Whereas, in the references 8th read above, Sri V.V.Siva Koteswara Rao, the then Municipal Assistant Engineer, Jaggaiahpeta Municipality has submitted his written explanation, accepted the inquiry report and findings of the inquiry officer and finally requested to drop the charges and to exonerate him from the charges, at the earliest.

8. Whereas, Government after careful examination of the matter and keeping in view of the findings of Inquiry Report of the Inquiry Officer, it has been decided to drop further action against Sri V.V.Siva Koteswara Rao, the then Municipal Assistant Engineer, Jaggaiahpeta Municipality, since the charges framed against him were held 'not proved' in the enquiry.

9. Now, therefore, Government hereby order to drop further action against Sri V.V.Siva Koteswara Rao, the then Municipal Assistant Engineer, Jaggaiahpeta

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Municipality, since the charges framed against him were held 'not proved' in the inquiry conducted in accordance with the procedure laid down under Rule 20 of APCS (CCA) Rules, 1991.

10. The Engineer-In-Chief (PH), A.P., Guntur shall take further necessary action in the matter, accordingly.

11. The receipt of the G.O., shall be acknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

J.SYAMALA RAO
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Sri V.V.Siva Koteswara Rao, the then Municipal Assistant Engineer,
Jaggaiahpeta Municipality (now working at Bhimavaram)
- **through** the ENC (PH), A.P., Guntur.
The Engineer-In-Chief (PH), A.P., Guntur.

Copy to:

The Commissioner & Director of Municipal Administration, A.P., Guntur.
The Municipal Commissioner, Jaggaiahpeta Municipality, Krishna District.
The Municipal Commissioner, Bhimavaram Municipality, West Godavari District.
The Regional Director-cum Appellate Commissioner of Municipal Administration, Guntur, Guntur District.
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// FORWARDED BY ORDER //

SECTION OFFICER.